



MSCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING REPORT

April 26, 2018

600 Jefferson Avenue, Conference Room #1 – 3:30 p.m.

The Memphis Shelby Crime Commission (MSCC) Board of Directors meeting was called to order by board of directors Chairman Ben Adams. The January 25, 2018 board report was approved.

FIRST QUARTER 2018 OSC PLAN AND GOAL OUTCOMES

Bill Gibbons stated that major violent crime decreased in the city of Memphis and Shelby county in the first quarter of 2018. The decreases in the major violent crime rate and in the overall crime rate during the first quarter was greater in the city than in the county as a whole. Regarding major property crime during the same time period, the increase was higher in the entire county than in the city of Memphis. Citizens participating in community groups related to crime prevention in April 2018 totaled 8,168 according to MPD figures. Reported gun crimes in Memphis and unincorporated Shelby County January – March show a 1.6% decrease compared to 2016 and a 1.9% decrease compared to 2017.

Recidivism is defined as the percentage of convicted felony inmates who are re-incarcerated within three years of when they were released from incarceration in a county facility or Department of Correction facility. The return rate is defined as the percentage of convicted felony inmates who are re-incarcerated within one year of their release. The return rate for the first quarter of the year is down almost 5% compared to the first quarter of 2017 (14.7% vs. 17.1%). Bill Gibbons noted that the return rate may be decreasing due to the new administrative sanctions being in place.

Domestic violence offenses were down in Memphis and all of Shelby County for the first quarter compared to last year. Delinquent charges against juveniles increased 18.1% in the first quarter 2018 compared to 2017. John Dudas inquired about murders during the first quarter of 2018; Mr. Gibbons stated that murders decreased about 35% in the first quarter.

OVERVIEW OF 2018 OSC OBJECTIVE MILESTONES

OBJECTIVE OUTCOME INDICATORS

Brona Pinnolis presented a status report on the OSC 3 Crime Plan Milestones. Ms. Pinnolis defined the color significance of her report:

- Blue – indicates completed
- Yellow – slightly behind
- Green – on schedule
- Red – significantly behind schedule
- Purple – modified

Ms. Pinnolis stated that the objectives highlighted as yellow will either show as blue (completed) or red (significantly behind schedule) by the next reporting quarter. Ms. Pinnolis highlighted some of the objectives in the OSC 3 Crime Plan.

Objective A1 – Strengthen community engagement in crime prevention efforts: The areas of emphasis under this objective are the Tillman and Old Allen MPD precincts. She indicated that there has been significant growth in the number of neighborhood watch groups in these precincts.

Objective B1 – Clarify and resolve shortages in law enforcement: Ms. Pinnolis indicated that reaching the projected number of full complement (2,300) by the year 2020 will be determined by the number of new recruits enrolled with the Memphis Police Department (MPD) training academy and the attrition rate of officers.

Objective B6 – Expand efforts to reduce gun crimes: Ms. Pinnolis presented the survey results taken in the FED UP ad campaign. The results show that the FED UP campaign is recognized by a high percentage of those being placed on parole or probation.

Objective C1- Work programs for ex-offenders: Ms. Pinnolis indicated that the information currently provided offers a baseline for the workforce re-entry program for MSCOR felony clients. Furthermore, she stressed that her report designated felony clients seeking employment, not everyone visiting MSCOR. Bill Gibbons also stated that MSCOR doesn't track how long their clients remain employed.

PROGRESS REPORTS ON SPECIFIC OSC PLAN OBJECTIVES

Report by Amy Weirich: Ex-felons, with a violent crime history are being used for the new focused deterrence model. General Amy Weirich stated that 15 names were provided, ranked, and five were self-removed. Ten offenders have been accepted, have jobs and are participating in all services presented. The goal is to increase the capacity of offenders participating.

Report by Michael Rallings/Don Crowe: Chief Don Crowe stated that adjustments have been made to the TRAC meetings. Previously, every Colonel made a five-minute presentation on his/her precinct; this resulted more in a motivational meeting. As of January, weekly reports are prepared by the Colonels highlighting Blue Crush crimes in their precinct. At each TRAC meeting, one precinct must give a detailed report and answer questions.

Director Rallings indicated that overtime for Blue Crush details was previously used to place additional officers on the street. Now, in many cases, overtime is used to maintain the minimum complement.

Report by Dr. Angela Madden: Dr. Madden stated that domestic violence is a growing concern and rising in the juvenile population. It appears to be a problem that does not have enough resources for its victims. Tennessee is providing financial resources to fund a study through the Office of Criminal Justice Programs to evaluate services available to domestic

violence victims and other factors of domestic violence. Dr. Madden will be compiling a list of agencies that service domestic violence victims, establishing where the DV calls emanate from, undertaking surveys, etc. to provide an in-depth study on gaps in domestic violence services. This is a 2.5 year evaluation.

Mark Luttrell/Dorcas Griffin/Dan Michael/Altha Stewart: Mayor Luttrell indicated that the Youth Assessment Center (YAC) is moving into an unchartered area with juveniles. Of course, this has presented concerns with regard to the juveniles that will be involved with the center. He also stated that a budget of \$700,000 has been presented to the County Commission for the establishment of the YAC.

Dorcas Griffin explained that the purpose of the Youth Assessment Center is to divert juveniles from the system. This is what she is attempting to convey to the community. Community meetings have begun and will continue to convey the message of the Youth Assessment Center (YAC). She also stated that a person will be hired to develop a plan to work and identify youth who are not currently in the juvenile court system but can become part of the system. Ms. Griffin also stated that the \$700,000 requested is just a portion of what is needed to pull this off, but it is a start.

Dr. Altha Stewart indicated that the community has misunderstood the intent of the YAC program, and she is working to re-educate the community on the purpose and benefit of the YAC. Dr. Stewart stated that the goal of the YAC is to provide a hand off rather than a referral to juvenile court. This would require the YAC to be a one-stop shop. The final model for the YAC is still a work in progress.

ANNUAL REPORTS: Bill Gibbons stated that a limited number of annual reports are available if any board members wish to take any.

SYMPOSIUM: Bill Gibbons reminded the board of the June 14th symposium on job opportunities for ex-offenders. Hope Works and other agencies will be available to discuss

how they are working with ex-offenders. The symposium will connect employers with resources and information to place ex-offenders in the job market.

FINANCIALS: The February financial report was summarized by Bill Gibbons. He indicated that the Crime Commission is currently operating month to month. Chairman Ben Adams expressed the need to increase the Crime Commission's funding base. Bill Gibbons noted that lists of potential private sector funders (both previous and new) have been sent to all private sector board members. As previously suggested by Mayor Luttrell, an invoice and pledge card have been sent to those members of the board that have not contributed to the Crime Commission. Chairman Adams requested assistance from the board in contacting private sector funders.

Meeting adjourned 4:38 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. Ben C. Adams, Jr.
Mr. Lewis "Bo" Allen
Mr. Jim Baker
Ms. Melanie Blakeney
Mr. Dave Carlson
Mr. Thomas Cleves
Mr. John Dudas
U. S. Attorney D. Michael Dunavant
FBI SAC Michael Gavin
Mr. Jeffrey Higgs
Mr. Henry Hooper II
Mr. Pierce Ledbetter
Mayor Mark Luttrell
Mr. Rick Masson
Judge Dan Michael
Director Michael Rallings
Judge Gerald Skahan
Mayor Jim Strickland
Ms. Blair Taylor
Dr. K. B. Turner
Ms. Dorcas Young-Griffin
Mr. Craig Weiss

General Amy Weirich

Also, in attendance:

Dr. Angela Madden

Mr. Gary Rikard

Chief Floyd Bonner

Mr. Max Helms

Mr. Rodney Bright

Chief Don Crowe

Ms. Cheri Green

Mr. Harold Collins

Mr. Bill Gibbons

Ms. Linda Russell

Ms. Brona Pinnolis

Presented by,

Sharon (Sam) Walker

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